

Appln. No. 10/649,609
Response dated June 28, 2006
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REMARKS

The examiner considers the claims to be drawn to three separate inventions or groups of inventions and requires restriction to one of the following:

Group I, claims 1-4, drawn to a method of treating;

Group II, claims 5-11, drawn to a process for producing the polyol-interferon- β conjugate; and

Group III, claims 12-22, drawn to a method for attachment of polyethylene glycol.

Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-4, drawn to a method of treating without traverse.

Favorable consideration and allowance are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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